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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - WRITERS CONFERENCE

1. ALL BULGARIAN PAPERS JUNE 9 CARRIED ITEM ON  
A RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE  
COUNCIL TODOR ZHIVKOV JUNE 8 ON THE OCCASION OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL WRITERS' CONFERENCE - A FORUM  
HELD IN SOFIA FROM JUNE 7-9 UNDER THE MOTTO  
"THE WRITER AND PEACE, THE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI AND  
THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MASTERS OF CULTURE."  
IN HIS CONGRATULATORY SPEECH MR. ZHIVKOV POINTED OUT  
THE UNUSUALLY IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE WRITER IN THE  
CREATION OF SPIRITUAL VALUES AND EXPRESSED HIS CONVICTION  
THAT THE SOFIA WRITERS' MEETING WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
EXPANSION OF THE CULTURAL CONTACTS AMONG PEOPLE  
IN SPIRIT OF HELSINKI ACCORDA, FOR  
STRENGTHENING PEACE - THE MOST RESPONSIBLE AND  
NOBLE TASK OF THE POLITICIANS AS WELL AS OF THE  
WRITERS AND ALL PEOPLE THE WORLD OVER.

2. JUNE 9 PARTY ORGAN "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" CARRIED  
FOLLOWING STORY (P.2) "AT YESTERDAY'S SESSION OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL WRITERS' MEETING, THE FLOOR WAS  
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TAKEN FOR STATEMENTS BY BULGARIAN AND FOREIGN WRITERS,  
AMONG THEM US REPRESENTATIVES ELTON FAX AND JOHN CHEEVER.  
AS AN AMERICAN OF AFRICAN DESCENT, ELTON FAX SAID,  
"MY LIFE AS WELL AS THE LIFE OF MOST OF MY FELLOW-  
COUNTRYMEN IS CONSTANTLY INVOLVED IN THE WAGING OF  
A DEFENSIVE WAR AGAINST RACISM AND THE ACCOMPANYING  
EXPLOITATION OF IT IN OUR OWN COUNTRY." IN CONCLUSION

ELTON FAX POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESENT WRITERS' MEETING IS YET ANOTHER EVIDENCE OF THE SOLIDARITY OF THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES THE WORLD OVER. WRITER JOHN CHEEVER WARMLY HAILED THE CONVENING OF SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM, AND STATED "THAT DUE TO LACK OF WRITERS' ASSOCIATIONS IN THE USA THE CREATIVE WORKERS IN THAT COUNTRY FEEL LONELY." HE SAID "CULTURE IN MY COUNTRY IS NOT ON THE SAME LEVEL WITH TRADE - THE LEVEL OF BIG BUSINESS. THE CONVENING IN MY COUNTRY OF SUCH A MEETING OF WRITERS AT WHICH ARE CONSIDERED CRITICALLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES OF MANKIND, OF PEACE, IS IMPOSSIBLE."  
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